GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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IRRIGATION FACILITIES IN KERALA
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has submitted any proposal to the Union Government to increase irrigation facilities in the State;

(b) if so, the time by which the said proposal is likely to be cleared; and

(c) the amount released / likely to be released to the State Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) Government of Kerala submitted 7 projects to Central Water Commission for techno-economic clearance.The details of the projects with estimated cost; annual irrigation benefits and the status of clearance are as follows.

S.N	Name of the Project	Estimated Cost (Rs. Crore)	Annual Irrigation Benefit (Th. Ha)	Status of Clearance
1.	Idamalayar	107	27.51	Accepted by Advisory Committee subject to conditions.
2.	Attapady	110	8.38	Linked to Cauvery Tribunal Award
3.	Modernisation of Neyyar Irrigation	17.25	20	Sent back to the State Government due to major deficiencies.
4.	Kuriarkutty Karapara	231.03	39.64	
5.	Kuttiadi augmentation	17.98	4.80	
6.	Regulator cum bridge at Chamaravattam	70	8.11	
7	Meenachel Valley	89.5	9.96	

The clearance of the projects is linked to early submission of modified Detailed Project Reports/compliance of outstanding observations of Central appraising agencies.

(c) Irrigation being a State subject, all types of irrigation and drainage schemes including the above schemes are planned and executed by the State Governments from their own plan funds. In addition, under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme

(AIBP),Central Loan Assistance of Rs. 41.15 crore has so far been released to Kerala for two major irrigation projects for their expeditious completion. Moreover, under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Command Area Development Programme (CADP), central assistance of Rs, 9366.20 lakh has been provided to Kerala till June 2001 for 16 projects included under the programme since 1974-75 for improving utilization of created irrigation potential and agricultural productivity.